

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 17, 2003. Reexamination in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 50-79 are currently pending in this application, with claims 50 and 79 being independent. No new matter has been added.

This amendment *prima facie* places the case in condition for allowance. Alternatively, it places this case in better condition for appeal. Accordingly, entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

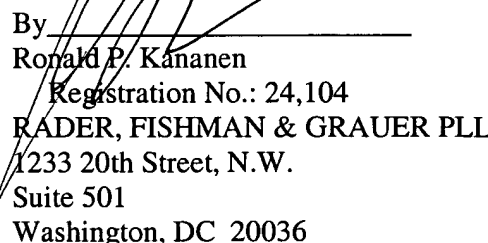
Claim 65 has been amended by correcting typographical errors within that claim.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753, or the undersigned attorney.

If any fee is required or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee or credit the overpayment to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

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Respectfully submitted,

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